

Telephone Survey of 1990 Public Use Microdata Files

Hello, I am _____ from the U.S. Census Bureau. We are conducting a survey of users of Census Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files and would appreciate your help.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and your responses will be kept confidential.

May we take a few moments to ask you some questions about your needs and uses of Public Use Microdata files? (if "yes," proceed. If "no," attempt to get the name and telephone number of the person who can answer the questions.)

Are you the person responsible for using the PUMS data? If "yes" continue with the survey. If "no" attempt to get the name and telephone number of the person who can answer the questions and continue the survey at question 1.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name

Title:

Department:

Telephone Number:

1. Have you used the 1990 Public Use Microdata files?

(If the response is "no", thank the participant and terminate the survey)

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If yes, which sample file did you use. Mark (x) all that apply

☐ File A 5% ☐ File B 1% ☐ Administration on Aging 3% File

3. What is the most common geographic level at which you tabulated PUMS data? (
Read the list and mark (X) all that apply).

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| <input type="radio"/> Individual Public Use Microdata Area | <input type="radio"/> All States |
| <input type="radio"/> All counties | <input type="radio"/> Specific State(s) |
| <input type="radio"/> Specific county(is) | <input type="radio"/> US as a whole |
| <input type="radio"/> State parts of metropolitan areas | <input type="radio"/> Below county where available |
| <input type="radio"/> Region/division | |

4. Did you make extracts of specific variables or population groups from PUMS?

- ☐ No. ☐ Yes. Please give examples of the types of extracts you created:

Use this space to enter participants response:

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5. What software did you use in tabulating 1990 PUMS files?

- ☐ SAS ☐ SPSS ☐ Other. Please specify: _____

6. Will you need/do you plan to use microdata information from Census 2000?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Uncertain ☐ No

7. Would you need/want/use online data manipulation or calculation capabilities for PUMS if access to the complete microdata files from Census 2000 were made available through the Internet (subject to the constraints of confidentiality)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. What minimum size PUMS sample file would you require to conduct your analyses?

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 1 percent file | <input type="radio"/> 5 percent file |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 percent file | <input type="radio"/> Other, please specify _____ |

9. Please rank the usefulness of the following media (in year 2002) for working with microdata files from Census 2000. Rank from 1 (most useful) to 5 (not needed), using each ranking only once.

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| a. CD-ROM | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. DVD | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

c. Internet File Downloads

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d. Web-based data calculations and manipulations

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10. Please describe the analysis or give examples of the kinds of reports you have done using PUMS data.

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11. For you work with the 1990 PUMS, what map and boundary features were or would have been useful on the PUMA maps?

- ☐ General representation of the boundaries
- ☐ The street names and other features that make up the PUMA boundaries
- ☐ Internal features such as major highways and waterways
- ☐ Boundaries of other political or statistical areas
- ☐ Did not use the maps

12. For the Census 2000 PUMS program, what is your preferred media for maps?

- ☐ Paper Maps
- ☐ pdf format on CD-ROM
- ☐ pdf format on the Internet
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____

13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the Census Bureau's microdata program.

Use this space to enter participants response:

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This concludes the survey, thank you for participating and have a nice day.

Submit Answers

Clear to reset